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1. At the 87th plenary meeting of its fifty-first session, on 17 December 1996, the General Assembly adopted resolution 51/193[1] entitled, "Report of the Security Council".

2. In the operative paragraphs of the resolution, the General Assembly:

"1. Stresses the importance of enhanced interaction and an effective relationship between the General Assembly and other principal organs, in particular the Security Council, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations;

"2. Takes note of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session,[2] as well as the views expressed thereon in the course of the consideration of the report by the Assembly;

"3. Encourages the Security Council, in the submission of its reports to the General Assembly, to provide in a timely manner a substantive, analytical and material account of its work;

"4. Calls upon the Security Council to adopt the following measures, inter alia, in connection with the content of its future reports to the General Assembly:

"(a) To include, as appropriate, information on the consultations of the whole undertaken prior to action or deliberation by the Council on issues within its mandate and on the process leading to such action;

"(b) To include the decisions, recommendations or progress of work of the subsidiary organs of the Council, in particular the sanctions committees;

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[1] Not reproduced in the present document; for the full text, see A/RES/51/193.

[2] A/51/2; to be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/51/2).

"(c) To highlight the extent to which resolutions of the General Assembly on issues falling within the scope of the General Assembly and the Security Council have been taken into account by the Council in its decision-making;

"(d) To strengthen further the section in the report on the steps taken by the Council to improve its working methods;

"(e) To include information on requests received under Article 50 of the Charter and actions taken by the Council thereon;

"5. Encouraces the Security Council to provide special reports in accordance with Articles 15 and 24 of the Charter;

"6. Requests that the annual report of the Security Council be made available before the beginning of the general debate of the General Assembly;

"7. Requests the President of the General Assembly to raise with the President of the Security Council during their monthly informal meetings and, when deemed appropriate, the matters covered by the present resolution and to report to the Assembly on the steps taken by the Council in this regard;

"8. Invites the Security Council, through an appropriate procedure or mechanism, to update the General Assembly on a regular basis on the steps it has taken or is contemplating with respect to improving its reporting to the Assembly".